

CHARTER

PRESIDENT'S INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

I. Committee's Official Designation and Authority

This document sets forth the organization of a Presidential advisory committee, the **President's Information Technology Advisory Committee**, (formerly known as the Advisory Committee on High-Performance Computing and Communications, Information Technology, and the Next Generation Internet), established on February 11, 1997 by Executive Order 13035 as amended on July 24, 1998; February 11, 1999; February 12, 2001; May 31, 2001; and May 28, 2003 pursuant to Public Law 102-194 (December 9, 1991), Next Generation Internet Research Act of 1998).

II. Committee's Objective and Scope of Activity

The President's Information Technology Advisory Committee is a federally chartered advisory committee operating under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), (Public Law 92-463) and consistent with other federal laws governing such activities. It is constituted to provide the National Science and Technology Council (NSTC), through the Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, with advice and information on high-performance computing and communications, information technology, and the Next Generation Internet.

The Advisory Committee shall provide NSTC with an independent written assessment of: (1) progress made in implementing the Networking and Information Technology Research and Development (NITRD) Program (successor to the High-Performance Computing and Communications (HPCC) Program as identified in the Executive Order 13035); (2) progress in designing and implementing the Next Generation Internet Initiative (now a part of the NITRD Program); (3) the need to revise the NITRD Program; (4) balance among components of the NITRD Program; (5) whether the research and development undertaken pursuant to the NITRD Program is helping to maintain United States leadership in advanced computing and communications technologies and their applications; and (6) other issues as specified by the Director.

III. Period of time necessary for the Committee to carry out its purposes.

The term of the Committee shall be two years unless extended by the President.

IV. Agency or Official to whom the Committee reports

The Department of Defense is authorized by section 3 of Executive Order 13035 to provide such assistance as may be necessary and appropriate to carry out the purposes of the Order and is designated as the organization responsible for support of the President's Information Technology Advisory Committee. In addition, the Director of the National Coordination Office (NCO) for Information Technology Research and Development shall

provide such coordination and technical assistance to the Committee as the co-chairs of the Committee may request.

V. Operating Costs:

The total annual operating cost of the Committee is approximately \$600,000 for a full fiscal year and three staff years.

VI. Estimated number and frequency of Committee meetings.

Meetings of the Advisory Committee shall occur at least two times per year. All meetings will be open to the general public, except for sessions that may be closed in accordance with the provisions of the FACA.

VII. Committee's termination date.

As amended in Executive Order 13305 of May 28, 2003, the Committee shall terminate on June 1, 2005 unless extended by the President prior to such date.

VIII. Charter File Date: May 28, 2003